Dewan's reply.—The Amildars have already too much to do and it is not advisable to add to it.

Subject No. 4.

Medical aid on Hindu and Yunani systems of medicine.

Summary of discussion.—There was no desire to institute a comparison between European and Asiatic systems of medicine and to say that one was better than another. The Dispensaries for English medicine established throughout the Province doubtless do great good. At the same time, many persons preferred Native medicine, either because English medicine did them no good or they had no faith in it. Institutions to dispense Hindu and Yunani medicines would be useful and popular. These medicines are also cheaper. They need not in all cases be independent institutions, but a Vaidyen and a Hakim may be associated with the Hospital Assistant now in charge of a dispensary. In this way, there would also be more medical men available for attendance on bed-ridden patients at their own residences.

Mr. Advocate Ramanna (R. M. from the Mysore Town Municipality) would limit their operations to cases other than those which required surgical interference.

Mr. Hafizulla Khan, (Hakim and R. M. from the Bangalore City Municipality) said that he was himself a Hakim, had visited the Native Vaidyasala at Mysore and examined its work critically and found it doing much good, effecting cure in many cases of a difficult nature. He found the collection of medicines to be large, though in the matter of poisons and *Rasa* (preparation of quicksilver) it had few or none. This institution, though under the supervision of Hospital Assistant Rangasami Pille, administered only Hindu and Yunani medicine. But there was an institution at Lahore at which English medicines such as Quinine and other febrifuges were adopted into Hindu and Yunani systems with great benefit according to the ability and knowledge of the medical practitioners who employed them. Similar scope should be allowed to the institution at Mysore, and similar institutions should be established at principal places in the country. He would encourage the curing art of the Natives and with this view establish a school for instruction in it and give employment to persons who might qualify themselves and obtain a diploma there. Adverting to the English system of medicine, the speaker said, it often failed to effect a radical cure by not prescribing a diet as the Hindu and Yunani systems did.

Dewan's reply.—Hospital Assistant Rangasami Pille is employed at the Mysore institute only to see that nothing that is risky or dangerous is given. People have confidence in both systems, but the fear is that the Native system is not practised with sufficient skill and knowledge. It will be very useful if a knowledge of both be combined in the same person. We have yet to devise some means of accomplishing this.